

## DOHERTY, WALLACE, PILLSBURY AND MURPHY, P.C.

## ATTORNEYS AT LAW

ONE MONARCH PLACE, SUITE 1900  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01144-1900

TELEPHONE (413) 733-3111

TELECOPIER (413) 734-3910

WWW.DWPM.COM  
E MAIL:MATTHEW J. RYAN, JR.  
OF COUNSELDUDLEY B. WALLACE  
(1900-1987)LOUIS W. DOHERTY  
(1888-1890)FREDERICK S. PILLSBURY  
(1919-1996)ROBERT E. MURPHY  
(1919-2003)SAMUEL A. MARSELLA  
(1931-2004)RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
SEP 15 2004

RETRANSMITTAL SEPT. 15, 2004

\* REGISTERED PATENT ATTORNEY  
\* ALSO ADMITTED IN CONNECTICUT  
\* ALSO ADMITTED IN NEW YORK  
\* ALSO ADMITTED IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIAPAUL S. DOHERTY  
PHILIP J. CALLAN, JR.  
GARY P. SHANNON  
ROBERT L. LEONARD  
A. CRAIG BROWN  
L. JEFFREY MEEHAN  
JOHN J. MCCARTHY  
DAVID J. MARTEL  
WILLIAM P. HADLEY  
BARRY M. RYAN  
DEBORAH A. BASILE  
PAUL M. MALECK  
CLAIRE L. THOMPSON  
W. GARTH JAMES  
GREGORY A. SCHMIDT  
MICHAEL K. CALLAN  
MICHAEL D. SWEET  
BERNADETTE HARRIGAN  
BRENDA S. DOHERTY  
MICHELE A. ROOKE  
THOMAS E. DAY  
KAREN K. CHADWELL  
JOHN E. BONINI  
MICHAEL J. BONANNO

August 31, 2004

VIA FACSIMILEMail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Fax: 703-872-9306Re: Application Serial No.: 10/799,303  
Filing Date: 03/12/2004  
Inventor: Michael J. Akrep  
Title: Linear Adjustment Device and Linear Adjustment System  
Incorporating the Device and Method of Use  
Examiner: Alfred J. Wujciak  
Group Art Unit: 3676  
Confirmation No.: 7828

Dear Sir:

Please find transmitted herewith an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), along with an English Abstract and Figures 1-3 of East German Patent No. DD-249-688. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the above-referenced application in light of the prior art references cited in this IDS. As the Examiner has not yet reviewed the application, no fee is required with this transmission.

Very truly yours,

*Karen K. Chadwell*Karen K. Chadwell  
Customer No. 42,325

KKC/dwpm

Enclosure

238880-1

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PTO/SF/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1

of 1

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/799,303
Filing Date	03-12-2004
First Named Inventor	Michael J. Akrep
Art Unit	3676
Examiner Name	Alfred J. Wujciak
Attorney Docket Number	76015-3

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**  
**SEP 15 2004**
**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
		US- 4,114,765	09-19-1978	Yoichi Kojima	
		US- 3,437,369	04-08-1969	S. W. Gealy	
		US- 2,721,757	10-25-1955	Anderson	
		US- 4,826,228	05-02-1989	Dinitz et al.	
		US- 6,042,165	03-28-2000	Thompson	
		US- 2,020,174	06-26-1934	Derossi	
		US- 3,536,281	10-26-1979	Meehan et al.	
		US- 2,703,252	03-01-1955	Blackwell	
		US- 4,289,090	09-15-1981	Bagby et al.	
		US- 4,355,832	10-26-1982	Andersen	
		US- 4,685,714	08-11-1987	Hoke	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>4</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		DD-249-688	09-16-1987	Gerhard Roedel	Ab: Fig. 1-3	

Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 801.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-780-9199) and select option 2.

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning  
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

**BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ **BLACK BORDERS**
- ☐ **IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES**
- ☐ **FADED TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES**
- ☐ **COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS**
- ☐ **GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS**
- ☐ **LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**
- ☐ **REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY**
- ☐ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.**